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5	4,724	20	Sunday
6	Sunday	21	4,730
7	4,721	22	4,717
8	4,718	23	4,712
9	4,725	24	4,732
10	4,730	25	4,710
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4,774 Copies

Practically all of which went into Fairmont and Marion County homes, the natural market of the Fairmont merchant.

AMERICA FIRST

SUTHERLAND ENTERS.

HOWARD SUTHERLAND, Congressman at Large, who hails from Elkins, has announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate. This makes three who are now in the race for Senator on the Republican ticket at the primaries in June, Ex-Governor White and Col. William F. Hite, of Huntington, having been in the field for some time. Mr. Sutherland has been holding the senatorial question under consideration for a long time, and it was not known whether he would come out and make the race for the position or run for re-election to Congress from the Second district.

By electing to run for the Senate, Mr. Sutherland places himself under a slight handicap, the other candidates for this honor having been in the field actively some time since; but the man from Elkins is not of the type of citizen to be discouraged by any handicap and would just as soon be a scratch man in the race as not.

Sutherland is a live wire in the political field and has a large following in all parts of the state. He is a campaigner of ability and fights to the finish in any battle. In the campaign in which he was elected to Congress in 1914 he displayed his mettle, defeating the best man the Democrats had to offer, Dr. Hodges, of Morgantown.

Mr. Sutherland intimated that he would make his final choice as to the office he would seek before March 1, and he made his decision yesterday, so that he is on schedule time.

The latest candidate in the field will make his appeal to

the voters in person, so far as it is possible for him to do so without neglecting his duties in Washington. But Mr. Sutherland says that he will depend in great measure upon his record in Congress, in the State Senate and in other offices of public trust and honor which he has held to bring him the support which will mean victory at the primaries. Owing to the fact that he seeks an office which has to do with national rather than state issues, Mr. Sutherland intimates that he will as far as possible avoid discussion of state questions and stick to national issues, observing a neutral attitude toward all candidates for state positions.

At a later date, Mr. Sutherland may issue a statement of his views on national questions at issue, and, of course, will be more than willing to discuss such issues with the voters from time to time.

"If I am nominated and elected," says Mr. Sutherland, "I shall use every effort to promote harmony and good feeling within my party and I shall deal fairly and without prejudice with all its members, big or little."

One thing is certain. There is another hat in the ring for U. S. Senator, and it will be there until after the primaries at least.

Going a mile and two-fifths in three minutes over the hills of Fairmont is sure setting a dizzy pace.

MINE EXPLOSIONS.

ON first thought it would seem strange that the majority of mine explosions take place in what we are pleased to call "safe" mines. The accident at Kempton yesterday which took a death toll of 15 and injured several happened in one of the best and safest mines in the region, and, perhaps, we wonder why?

But on second thought the fact that so many accidents in mines take place where least expected is due to the fact that the knowledge of the comparative safety in time brings about a certain degree of carelessness not present in a section or mine where danger is known to lurk.

When a person knows that there is danger, the degree of care exercised is high, and with the knowledge of safety the tension becomes less.

No reason as yet has been given officially for the accident, but it may develop that some place there has been a slip in the eternal care and precaution which does more than anything else to prevent mine disasters, and the price has been paid. The over-confidence in the comparative safety of the mine on the part of some employee may have led to a slight oversight. We are accusing no one, for every person is more or less subject to laxity of guard under conditions which are seemingly supremely perfect. We simply make these remarks to show the possibility of a clean-cut psychological reason for accidents in "safe" mines.

Add prohibition instructions. Don't carry the label in your pocket. That bluff does not get anything.

Everybody has an answer to the question: What will become of the Marietta corner? But who has the correct one?

Keep your eye out for the bad check shaver.

"Tag Day" will be observed on April 8. Don't be out of the city on that date.

Howard Sutherland has entered the senatorial race, and the Elkins man is some pumpkins on the political cinder path.

Pork is going up again. Keep your eye on the "Ham And" price tag in your favorite food shop.

March came in like a lamb; but nobody knows how it will go out.

Col. House is said to be the secret author of a book on "How To Run The World." Boy, page Col. Roosevelt.

New York Democrats have adopted the motto: "Safety First." What do you mean safety?

The longer the days, the shorter gas and light bills.

A big graft revelation is threatened in Chicago. The Windy City does not mind a little thing like that.

Registered mail seems to be the special object of bandits.

Record wool clip, says headline. Some 10, 20, 30 tragedian must have had a hair-cut.

Eggs must be 95 per cent pure to be allowed to be used in interstate commerce. Why not demand that they be like Ivory soap.

The police are helping to run the cafes in Pittsburgh. Goah, they will gurgel up a year's profits in a week.

that they were The United Woolen Mills Co.

Sheriff E. E. White, of Monongalia county, is hunting John Jenkins. Last October John was given a six months' sentence in the jail at Morgantown, but Thursday of last week he saved the bars of a jail window and quietly "went away from there." Jenkins obtained the saw from someone on the outside, according to Mr. White, the tools being handed to the prisoner on a string let down from a window on the Chestnut street side of the county jail facing the Hotel Madeira. He had but six weeks of his term to serve.

According to the Wheeling Intelligence, there was a less amount of the fuel shipped to southern ports this year than during preceding ones. Rivermen state there is such a demand among their many home industries that the coal companies are supplying this trade. Heretofore many of the up-the-river coal companies have been supplying a great deal of the southern demand and on nearly every rise there was an abundant supply of coal sent out on the boats.

Bluefield is the latest West Virginia city that will adopt the city manager plan. At a meeting of the council an ordinance providing for the city manager plan of government was presented and it will be passed at a later meeting. All members of council having declared their intention of voting for the measure. The ordinance provides for a salary of \$250 a month for the city manager.

Ordinarily it is only in extremely hot and dry weather that reports are heard of fires started by locomotive sparks, but the Martinsburg Journal on Monday night contained the following: A vivid reflection from that section of the county led many to believe Sunday night that a barn or some other building was on fire in the neighborhood of Mr. James Porter.

field's place on the Warm Spring road. An investigation disclosed the fact that sparks from a railroad engine had set fire to a field. The blaze was a merry one until the men of that vicinity succeeded in getting it under control.

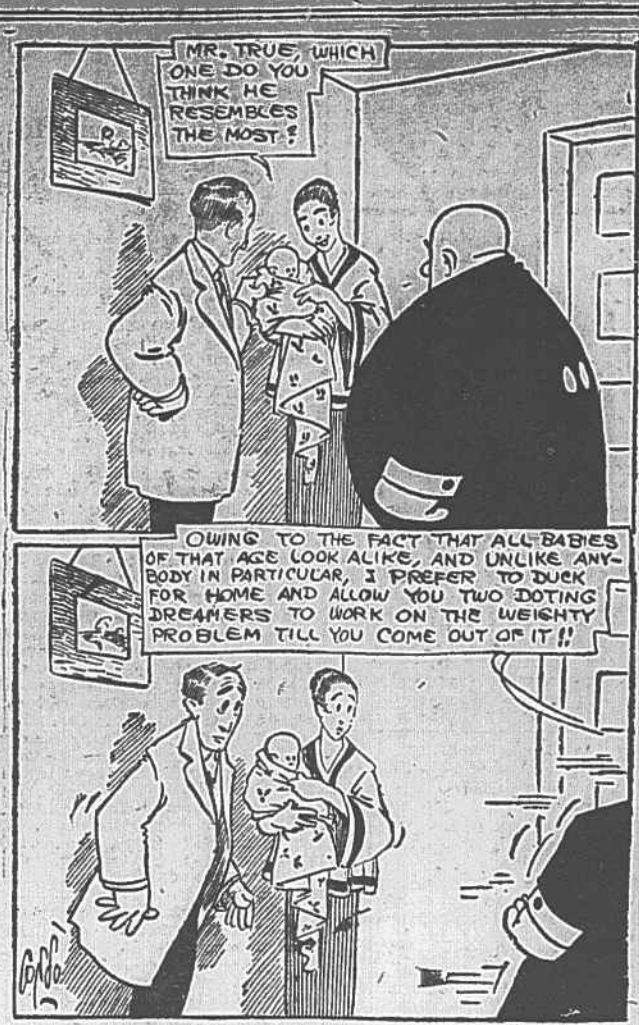
Mrs. Martha Beall, a well-known resident of Virginia street, Island, Wheeling, celebrated her 17th birthday with a party on Tuesday in which her six children and three grandchildren participated. Mrs. Beall has had a birthday celebration every four years with the exception of 1900, which was not a leap year, when she missed one birthday and was compelled to wait eight years for February 29 to roll around again. Although she is 72 years of age she says she feels as if she was not more than 17.

R. E. Bills, C. T. Smith, J. W. Vandervort and H. B. McGinnis, of Parkersburg, have struck a bonanza gas well on the Pleasant Hunt farm, two miles from Middlebourne, in Tyler county. The gas was encountered in the Keener formation at 2,100 feet. When the gas was first struck it was estimated that the pressure was good for four million feet a day, but it has been increasing and the indications are that it will be good for six million feet a day, which makes it a very valuable proposition from the fact that the gas is worth four cents a thousand at the well and that there are three companies with lines in the locality, all of which will take the production at that price. At six million feet a day the income from the well will be \$240 per day straight, as there will be no expense connected with it, as the gas flows into the lines of the gas company which purchases it, while in the case of an oil well, there would be the expense of pumping, fuel and labor.

The other night, when government radio experts sent out the test message to the thousands of amateur wire-

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



RUFF STUFF

BY RED.

Speaking of streets and alleys of Fairmont it would take a high jumper to get away with carrying liquor in this village.

We'd be godfather to a rabbit for a basket full of bourbon.

Well she came in like a lamb and is likely to go out like a piker at a poker game.

If it gets these fellows anything to have labels in their pockets, we'll try it.

Peggy Gray the friend of man has gone the way of all benefactors.

The fire chief gets enough practice in his red wagon every day to be able to make Barnesville in three minutes.

Why in the world the city should charge 30 cents for 1,000 gallons of water and get away with it is the new problem of the age. But then water is greatly in demand here.

Nothing but a fire truck would make such a trip to Barnesville.

One thing we are thankful for, we won't have to smell the Marietta cabbage cooking this summer when the windows are opened.

March winds bring lower necks and higher skirts.

This is the month of St. Patrick's Day. And March 21 Winter turns to Spring which makes both seasons seem very much alike to use.

Until yesterday we never knew that Oom Paul lived in Grant Town.

Sending a man to jail to sober up is poor policy. How can the officers tell a man is drunk if he don't know it himself.

Though they can have most everything else in town the commissioners cannot make a train wait for them. Ira Smith watched a train leave him on the B. & O. yesterday.

We'd trade jobs with a good check raiser provided he is a safety razor.

Again referring to the pigs being run out of town, there is no provision in the sanitary code which says that the sanitary officer should not confine his efforts to spitters in the streets.

When a post office is robbed it's best to make the amount as large as possible so that any deficits which were used for political purposes may be over balanced.

The girls of Barrackville are taking awful chances giving Leap Year parties.

Henry James while living did one good thing. He told "What Maize Knew."

less operators in the country there were evidently quite a number not able to catch the message, owing to the rapidity with which it was sent out. A Martinsburg amateur took the matter up with Commissioner Redfield and it was referred by that gentleman to Captain Bullard, U. S. N., who is superintendent of the government radio service. The latter quickly took up the Martinsburg man's suggestion that the messages be sent out slower and in this manner the amateurs could more easily be schooled. Captain Bullard wrote back to the Martinsburg amateur and thanked him for the suggestion, stating that he had issued orders to the operators at Arlington to decrease their speed from 12 to 15 words per minute in sending out the night weather reports hereafter.

Eloise—You have made a great impression upon me.
Eloise—I'm so sorry, I'll not hold you so tightly next time—Record.

PIPE LINE CO'S DISCRIMINATE

That is View of Oil Situation Taken By the Trade Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—A charge that petroleum pipe line companies of the mid-continent field, through high tariffs and unreasonable shipping requirements, have excluded independent shippers from their lines was made today by the Federal Trade Commission in its report to the Senate on a special investigation of the business.

If the five systems that control the mid-continent pipe lines charged their own refineries for carrying oil at the rate they offer to carry it for the independents, the report declares, their annual net earnings should show a 41.5 per cent profit on their pipe line investments. As it is they are declared to earn more than 19 per cent.

The investigation was ordered by the last Congress, which later directed an Interstate Commerce Commission inquiry. To avoid duplication the Trade Commission confined its work to the mid-continent field, while the Commerce Commission turned its attention to systems operating in the East.

The commission summarizes its findings in this language: "The dominant position of the mid-continent field makes the facts developed in this report of vital importance to the entire country."

The fixed investment in pipe lines is extensive and corresponds closely with the actual cost of such property.

"The pipe line companies require continent field has followed, instead of preceded, crude oil production, and such investment is comparatively secure."

"There is a large difference between the cost of pipe line transportation, which is very low, and pipe line tariff rates, while the independent shippers cannot use railroads because their rates are still higher."

"The pipe line companies require large minimum shipments, which makes it impracticable for small producers or refiners to ship crude oil by pipe line."

"The price of crude oil delivered at the refineries is to a large extent made up of the transportation charge."

"The cost of pipe line construction is so great that small concerns can not build lines from the mid-continent field to the large consuming and distributing markets."

"Lower pipe line rates and smaller minimum shipments are necessary to enable small concerns to compete with large refineries affiliated with pipe line companies."

"Reasonable and equitable conditions of shipment by pipe line would tend to a greater equality in the prices of mid-continent and Appalachian crude oil and in the prices of refined products in different markets."

Of the five large systems operating in the field the commission found that two belong to the Standard Oil Company and that a third is controlled by Standard Oil capitalists. The Standard Oil lines are given as the Prairie, running northeast to Illinois and Indiana; the Oklahoma-Louisiana, running southeast to Baton Rouge, and the Magnolia, running south to Texas points. The others are the Gulf and Texas systems.

Of Standard Oil methods the report said: "The advantage which the Standard Oil group derives from the exclusive use of the only trunk line from the mid-continent field to the East would be largely removed if this pipe line system became a common carrier in fact as well as in name."
It is explained that though Congress has declared pipe lines common carriers, little use has been made of them as such, as the small refiners almost without exception buy their crude petroleum locally. The Interstate Com-

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merce Commission has not yet passed on tariffs and requirements submitted by the pipe lines, because it has not completed its own investigation into pipe line conditions.

"While the Standard Oil interests have in this field some lines which show relative high costs," the report adds, "nevertheless their chief line running northeast to Chicago excels all others in capacity and in the extent to which that capacity is used. This line shows the lowest cost. This favorable situation is partly due to the fact that there is no other line running to points east of the Mississippi. As all the connecting trunk pipe lines between this river and the Appalachian mountains are controlled by the Standard Oil group, and independent refineries are small and scattered, other pipe line concerns in the mid-continent field have not attempted to run their lines to the East, but have built them to the Gulf of Mexico. For this reason the Standard refineries are able to obtain mid-continent oil at a great advantage over competing refineries located in the principal consuming districts."

"The net earnings, before deducting bond interest, of the companies which operate the five pipe line systems in the mid-continent field have been 19.33 per cent on the net investment for the three-year period, 1911 to 1913. These net earnings, however, do not show what they earned from pipe line operations, because in most cases these companies are engaged in other branches of the oil business such as

producing, refining, and marketing, and their pipe lines are operated merely as departments of this integrated form of business. These companies generally treat their earnings as though they arose entirely from merchandising oil, because they as yet have not to any considerable extent performed the duty of common carriers."

"The significance of pipe line rates is best appreciated by showing the rate of return on investment which would be obtained if all the oil shipped by the interests owning the pipe lines were charged the tariff rates at which the pipe line offers to take the oil of other shippers. Taking all these five pipe lines together the net investment aggregated in 1913 \$48,887,700."

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